

REMARKS**Claim Status**

Claims 4-7, 14-18 and 30-43 are currently pending in the present application. Dependent claims 5 and 33-35 are amended in an editorial manner and not in response to the prior art or any formal defect. Dependent claims 40-43 are newly presented and are generally modeled after dependent claims 33-36.

Allowed Claims

Applicant greatly appreciates the indication in the previous Notice of Allowance that claims 4-7, 14-18 and 30-39 are allowable. The new dependent claims are also believed allowable.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement and Form-1449 are filed concurrently herewith. Consideration of the documents listed on the Form-1449 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

The application is still believed to be in condition for allowance. Early passage to issuance is respectfully requested. Nevertheless, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 503-495-4575 with any questions.

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